GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2053
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PROGRAMMES FOR DISABLED PERSONS
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government on the number of disabled people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any programme has been prepared by the Government to serve the interest of the disabled population during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the salient features of the agenda prepared by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the specific steps taken to implement these programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid down on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2053 for 15-3-2002 regarding Programmes for Disabled Persons

(a) to (b): Based on the sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1991, approximately 1.91% of the total estimated population is suffering from some kind of physical or sensory disability. The State -wise estimates as prepared by NSSO are given below:-

S.No. Name of the State Estimated number of persons with disabilities(in lakhs)

1. Andhra Pradesh 15.72

2. Assam 2.71

3. Bihar 13.61

4. Gujarat 6.95

5. Haryana 3.04
6. Himachal Pradesh 1.40

7 Karnataka 8.76

8. Kerala 5.56

9. Madhya Pradesh 12.87
10. Maharashtra 18.19
11. Orissa 7.20
12. Punjab 5.31
13. Rajasthan 7.23

14. Tamil Nadu 12.36
15. Uttar Pradesh 25.50
16. West Bengal 11.79

All India 161.54

The NSSO survey conducted on children with delayed development in the age group of 0-14 years shows that 3% of the general population suffers from delayed mental development.

(c) to (e) : The X Five Year Plan has not been finalised. The Government of India is already supporting a number of programmes for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.